

Let no follower of Jesus be quick to suspect others of evil intent. Has one addressed you with surprising and unwarrantable harshness? It is much more than probable that he did not realize how bitterly he spoke, and, if he did, that his words were due to a sudden uprising of a wrong spirit within him which surprised him almost as much as it did you, and did not indicate at all his actual state of mind toward you. He is quite as much to be pitied as you. He has hurt his own feelings as truly as yours. He has incurred the pains of self-reproach. He has lost something of confidence in his power of self-control. He must now set himself to the work of re-creating the relation of mutual friendliness and trust which has existed between you. Help him to do so. Meet him at least half way. Do not render his hard task harder. Show him that you still believe in the real goodness of his heart.—Ex.

If you hit the mark, you must aim a little above it; every arrow that flies feels the attraction of the earth.—*Longfellow.*

Let us take time for the good-by kiss. We shall go to the day's work with a sweet spirit for it.

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